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SUBJ: ARRIVAL IN ATHENS OF U.S. WHITEWATER CANOEING TEAM

DEPT PASS CONGRESSMAN BOLAND

1. EMBASSY ATHENS HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM EDWARD P. BOLAND, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, DATED MAY 22: "TO: HONORABLE JACK KUBISCH, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, ATHENS. "FURTHER REFERENCE MY LETTER CONCERNING FORTHCOMING VISIT US WHITEWATER CANOEING TEAM TO ATHENS ON WAY TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS YUGOSLAVIA, WOULD EMBASSY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN ACCEPTING AND HOLDING PRIOR AIR SHIPMENT OF APPROX. 15 CANOES VIA OLYMPIC AIRWAYS. SHIPMENT WOULD BE BETWEEN 30 MAY AND 4 JUNE. ALSO ANY POSSIBILITY ASSISTING IN BUS OR TRUCK TRANSPORTATION FROM AIR TERMINAL TO HOTEL PALACE GLYFADA."

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PASSING FOLLOWING ANSWER TO CONGRESSMAN BOLAND:

- A) EMBASSY CONTRACTOR, HERMES INTERNATIONAL FORWARDING COMPANY, ADVISES THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY CUSTOMS, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF 15 CANOES AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$200, OR 40 CANOES AT \$386. THIS CHARGE INCLUDES AIRPORT HANDLING AND LABOR COSTS.
- B) RENTAL PER BUS TO PROVIDE ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AMOUNTS TO \$80; NIGHTTIME HOURS \$100.
- C) GLYFADA PALACE HOTEL CONTACTED AND THEY ADVISE THAT THEY HAVE NO FIRM RESERVATIONS FOR CANOE GROUP.

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D) CONGRESSMAN BOLAND'S LETTER, DATED MAY 13, ALSO

ARRIVED TODAY. LETTER MENTIONS FORTY (40) CANOES.
PLEASE CLARIFY WHETHER FORTY (40) OR FIFTEEN (15) CANOES.
E) LETTER ASKS ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING 75 TEAM MEMBERS
THROUGH CUSTOMS. EMBASSY WILL MOST HAPPY TO PROVIDE FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE.
F) LETTER ALSO REQUESTS THAT GROUP BE INCLUDED IN ANY
EMBASSY LUNCHEON OR SOCIAL AFFAIRS ON JUNE 14. EMBASSY
HAS NO SUCH FUNCTIONS ON CALENDAR AT PRESENT BUT WILL BE GLAD
TO CONSIDER INCLUDING GROUP IF PLANS CHANGE.
G) PLEASE ADVISE NAME OF MEMBER OF TEAM TO WHOM HE
ABOVE-MENTIONED CHARGES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.
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